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25X1 1. [REDACTED] field exercises of troops with tanks, armored reconnaissance cars, personnel carriers, AT guns, rocket launchers, and motorcycles began in the area of Gross Schoenebeck, northwest of Eberswalde (N 53°V 08°), [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] training area [REDACTED] between the Gross Schoenebeck-Gross Doelln highway and the Gross Schoenebeck-Klein Doelln highway. The descriptions below were made from south to north, beginning at kilometer stone 1.1:

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a. An assembly area with excavations for 36 trucks or personnel carriers and nearby foxholes for the drivers; 25 excavations for tanks and numerous small foxholes; and several makeshift huts of twigs providing shelter for about 100 men. A sign bearing the number 0005 pointed to the assembly area.

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b. An outpost area with a trench about 150 meters long, and four [REDACTED] foxholes; and a forward slope position with embrasures (Schiesscharten) and four 4 to 5-man cover positions. At the road fork to Schlutzen a sign with the number 0004 pointed north.

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d. Excavations for 10 trucks and 10 makeshift huts each sheltering four or five men were observed between the two AT gun positions west of the Gross Schoenebeck-Klein Doeblin highway.

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e. There was a sign on the bridge south of Gross Doeblin bearing the Russian inscription "Bridge Demolished". The meadows west of the bridge were marked by caution signs bearing the Russian inscription "Lines".

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3. [redacted] the troops which had conducted the field exercises at Gross Schoenebeck had come from Oberswalde and Frankfurt/Oder.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The training area at Gross Schoenebeck belongs to the Templin maneuver area. It is used by units from the nearby military post of Oberswalde. [redacted]

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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25X1 It is believed that the units which practiced in the Gross Schoenebeck area [redacted] included elements of divisions of the Fourth Gd's Koz Army, and [redacted] possibly elements of the 10th Gd's Tank Div, which had been unloaded in Lehdenick [redacted] and elements of the 7th Gd's Koz Div.

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